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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - May 17, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Torrita Shanel Holder was arraigned today in federal court in San Diego by United States Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes on an indictment charging her with two counts of bank robbery. Holder entered not guilty pleas to both counts.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan I. Shapiro, who is prosecuting the case, Holder is charged in two counts with robbing two different branches of US Bank. The indictment alleges that on April 18, 2007, Holder entered the US Bank located at 2150 Chatsworth Boulevard, San Diego, California, and obtained \$3,473 from a teller by force, violence, and intimidation.

The indictment also alleges that on May 3, 2007, Holder entered the US Bank located at 4330 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California, and handed a demand note to one of the tellers, threatening physical harm if she was not given money. In response to Holder's demand, the teller handed over \$868.00 in cash

from a cash drawer. Holder fled the bank, and she was arrested by officers of the San Diego Police Department within the hour.

Holder is next scheduled to be in court for motions setting on May 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Judge Thomas Whelan.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case No. 07cr1253-W**

Torrita Shanel Holder

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) (Bank Robbery) (Two Counts)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration  
\$250,000 fine  
Three years of supervised release

**INVESTIGATING AGENCY**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

**An indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**